

On page 11, please amend the abstract as follows:

Abstract of the Disclosure

A base plate (20) for a power scroll saw is disclosed, which has a through opening (15) for a saw blade (13) that is drivable in a reciprocating motion by the power scroll saw. To prevent defective straight cuts and laterally obliquely extending cuts, especially in thick material to be cut, from lateral deflection of the tip of the saw blade in sawing, a guide device (21) with guide elements (22, 23) protruding into the through opening (15) is integrated with the base plate (20).

With For power scroll saws that have no guide device for laterally guiding the saw blade (13), an improved outcome of sawing can be attained by simply replacing its base plate for the novel base plate (20) disclosed here (Fig. 2).